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((TEXT)) MOSCOW APRIL 16 TASS -- MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS OF THE
UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET TODAY EXCHANGED

<> VIEWS ON THE PROBLEM OF <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> AND AROUND IT. THE MUTUAL
DESIRE TO SEE THE SPEEDIEST SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM WAS EXPRESSED
IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT
THIS WOULD EXERT A CERTAIN INFLUENCE ON THE NORMALISATION OF
SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND FACILITATE AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AS A WHOLE.

REPRESENTATIVE ESTEBAN TORRES, A DEMOCRAT, SAID THAT MANY
PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING CONGRESS, SUPPORTED THE
<> TALKS BETWEEN <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> AND PAKISTAN WHICH ARE BEING CONDUCTED
SINCE 1982 IN GENEVA THROUGH THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL DIEGO CORDOVEZ. YET, IT WAS
ADMITTED BY REPRESENTATIVE JIM MOODY, A DEMOCRAT, THERE ARE FORCES
<> IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH ARE TRYING TO LINK THE <><>AFGHAN<><> PROBLEM
WITH THE PROCESS OF ARMS CONTROL AND THEREBY TO FREEZE THIS PROCESS.

IN THIS CONNECTION IT WAS STRESSED FROM THE SOVIET SIDE THAT
IN WORDS THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE
<> SITUATION CONNECTED WITH <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> BUT IN DEEDS OBSTRUCTS THIS
IN EVERY WAY IN THE HOPE OF INFLECTING MAXIMUM DAMAGE TO THE
SOVIET UNION AND IN THE FUTURE OF ENTRENCHING ITSELF IN THAT
STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT REGION WITH THE SUPPORT OF
ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUPINGS. THUS, MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION
OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET ACADEMICIAN YEYENIY PRIMAKOV NOTED THAT
WASHINGTON IS DOING ITS UTMOST TO FRUSTRATE THE PROCESS OF
<> NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>. DELIVERIES OF MODERN

AMERICAN WEAPONS TO THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES ARE BEING STEPPED UP. WHEREAS 200 STINGER GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES WERE SUPPLIED TO THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES LAST YEAR, THE FIGURE FOR THIS YEAR IS ALREADY 300. "MATTERS HAVE GONE SO FAR THAT ON ORDERS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES RECENTLY FIRED AMERICAN-MADE MISSILES AT SOVIET TERRITORY, AT A BORDER AREA OF TAJIKISTAN", YEVGENIY PRIMAKOV SAID.

IN THE 1987 FISCAL YEAR THE UNITED STATES HAS ALLOCATED A TOTAL OF 600 MILLION DOLLARS TO AID THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES. WITH THE HELP OF THE AMERICAN CIA AND OTHER WESTERN SPECIAL SERVICES DOZENS OF CAMPS HAVE BEEN SET UP ON THE TERRITORY OF
<> PAKISTAN NEAR THE <><>AFGHAN<><> BORDER FOR THE MILITARY TRAINING OF SUBVERSIVES. THE WHITE HOUSE CONTINUES TO BANK ON THE ENEMIES OF THE APRIL REVOLUTION. *etc*

IT IS ENOUGH TO CITE THE EXAMPLE OF BORHANODDIN RABANI WHO
<> HEADS THE "ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>" ORGANISATION OF
<> <><>AFGHAN<><> COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES. IN HIS TIME HE OWNED LARGE
<> ESTATES IN THE <><>KABUL<><> AND BADAKHSHAN PROVINCES, AND MADE MUCH
<> MONEY ON THE SALE OF THE FAMOUS <><>AFGHAN<><> CARPETS IN WESTERN EUROPE. SALES OF HEROIN WERE ANOTHER SOURCE OF HIS INCOME. HE USES THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR PURPOSES OF PERSONAL ENRICHMENT AND HAS BANK ACCOUNTS IN SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN. MEMBERS OF HIS BAND ARE ESPECIALLY CRUEL IN THEIR TREATMENT OF
<> <><>AFGHAN<><> CIVILIANS. THE OTHER RINGLEADERS OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY BANDS ARE QUITE THE SAME.
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